



Annual Conference Scholarship Application

NOTE: All applications must be postmarked by 3 April 2006

The WMA provides three scholarships to its annual conference. The 2006 conference, *Strong Museums, Strong Communities*, will be held at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, Washington, on June 21st - 23rd, 2006. Each of the three scholarships consists of gratis conference registration including meals and events connected with registration, a \$200.00 stipend, which can be used to defray travel and lodging costs, and a one-year complimentary membership in the WMA. The pre-conference workshop is not included in the scholarship. Scholarship recipients must attend the conference to receive the stipend and the complimentary membership. One need not be a WMA member to apply for a scholarship. The three scholarships include:

The *Ellen Ferguson Student Scholarship*: To be eligible, an applicant must be a current student in a college or university pursuing training in the museum or heritage fields or have a sincere interest in those fields. The museum field can include history, art, ethnology, zoos, science, etc. The applicant must explain his/her student status, discuss his/her interest in the museum field, his/her reasons for attending the conference, and his/her reasons for desiring a scholarship.

The *Gus Norwood Volunteer Scholarship*: To be eligible, an applicant must be a volunteer in any position at a museum of any size and type. The applicant must explain his/her volunteer position, his/her reasons for attending the conference, and his/her reasons for desiring a scholarship.

The *WMA Working Professional Scholarship*: To be eligible, an applicant must be a museum professional on any level, working in a museum of any size or type, who otherwise would not be able to attend the conference because of financial constraints. The applicant must explain his/her current status as a working professional, his/her reasons for attending the conference, the museum's reasons for the applicant to attend the conference, and the applicant's reasons for desiring a scholarship.

Each scholarship recipient will be requested to write about his/her experiences at the 2006 Annual WMA Conference or to write about a conference session they attended. This will be published in a future WMA newsletter. More detailed information will be provided upon receipt of the scholarship.

Return the original completed form and three copies (four total) for each application to:

*WMA Awards Committee, c/o Lisa Hill-Festa, Chair,
The Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117.
Questions? Call 206-789-5707, ext. 18, or e-mail lisah@nordicmuseum.org*

To complete this application, please print or type clearly in the spaces provided below and on the reverse side of this form.

1. Applicant information:

Name:

Organization or School:

Street:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone:

FAX:

E-mail:

2. Scholarship for which you are applying – check one:

- Ellen Ferguson Student Scholarship
- Gus Norwood Volunteer Scholarship
- WMA Working Professional Scholarship

3. Professional reference: Provide name and address of a person who can act as a reference for you.

Note: Letters of reference and recommendation accompanying your scholarship application will be helpful for the selection committee.

Name:		
Organization or School:		
Street:		
City/State/Zip:		
Telephone:	FAX:	E-mail:

4. **Application Narrative:** Explain your current status (student, volunteer, or working museum professional), your reasons for attending the WMA conference, and your reasons for desiring or needing a scholarship. You may include one additional page if needed.